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SUBJECT: LOCAL COMMENTARY ON MARCOS TRIP

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1. THE MAJOR TAIPEI PAPERS JUNE 3 ALL CRITICIZED PRESIDENT MARCOS' PLANNED TRIP TO THE PRC AND RECOGNITION OF THE PRC, ALTHOUGH THE OVERALL TONE OF THE EDITORIALS WAS SURPRISINGLY MILD. LARGE-CIRCULATION CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO SEEMED TO SUM IT UP BY SAYING, "OUR REGRET OVER THE POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON THE SECURITY OF THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS.. IS MORE THAN OUR GRIEF OVER ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC SETBACK FOR THE ROC."

2. PARTY-OWNED CHUNG YANG JIH PAO AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OWNED HSIN SHENG PAO WHICH UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECT OFFICIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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GOVERNMENT VIEWPOINT CARRIED THE SAME LINE. THESE PAPERS ALSO WARNED OF DANGER OF INCREASING COMMUNIST ACTIVITY AND OBSERVED THAT MARCOS' DECISION WAS SPURRED AT LEAST IN PART TO DEMONSTRATE A BREAK OUT OF THE AMERICAN ORBIT FOLLOWING

RECENT EVENTS IN INDOCHINA.

3. STRONGEST CIRITCISM APPEARED IN LOW CIRCULATION
JIN TSU WAN PAO (MTWP) ON EVENING OF JUNE 2 SOON AFTER NEWS
CAME OUT. THE PAPER QUOTED PREMIER CHIANG AS SAYING IN A
RECENT CABINET MEETING: "... THE HUMILIATION IMPOSED ON US BY
THE PHILIPPINE GOVRNMENT IN THE PAST YEAR IS INTOLERABLE
TO ANY COUNTRY WITH NATIONAL DIGNITY. THEREFORE, WE SHOULD
NEVER ACCEPT ANY FORMULA PROPOSED BY THE PHILIPPINES TO
REPLACE FORMAL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND WE SHOULD DEAL WITH
THIS PROBLEM WITH A FIRM AND UNWAVERING ATTITUDE."

4. IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO STATE WHAT ACTION
THE ROC MAY TAKE TO ESTABLISH NON-DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH
THE PHILIPPINES AFTER THE BREAK, BUT THE CURRENT PRESS
ATTITUDE SUGGESTS A REASONED APPROACH.
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